

City of Wichita HOME-ARP Allocation Plan REVISED DRAFT 11-29-22 4th Draft

1. Consultation

1.A. Describe the consultation process including methods used and dates of consultation:

Consultation Process

Development Strategies (DS) coordinated with the City of Wichita Housing and Community Services Department to create the list of agencies and providers to be consulted with. DS then contacted each organization to schedule a consultation either in-person on June 28th and 29th, 2022, at the City of Wichita Advanced Learning Library, or virtually utilizing Zoom. Most virtual consultations occurred between July 11th and August 27th, with one follow-up consultation occurring on November 21st. Each consultation was held with only one organization, with between one and three staff members, and a total of 22 consultations were held. Details about the consultations, including organization name, type of services provided, staff members interviewed, activities carried out, feedback received, and qualifying populations served are included in the following table and subsequent narrative.

Additional feedback was received through a Provider Survey that was active from Aug 17th, 2022 to September 19th, 2022 which helps provide more detail about gaps and priorities. The results of the survey are summarized throughout this document and included as an attachment.

<u>Provider Follow-Up Session</u>: A group session was held on September 19, 2022, to report initial findings, key themes regarding needs and gaps that providers serving the qualifying populations identified, best practices, and early thoughts on how HOME-ARP funds could be used. Additional feedback was received during this session that helped refine the funding allocation and priorities reflected in this plan.

There was support for the proposed conceptual ideas. Providers shared that many homeless individuals/families trying to navigate services often get lost in the system. A centralized facility/navigation center would help mitigate some of that. The discussion highlighted gaps in the city's transportation service and how it impedes connecting individuals to services. The follow-up also highlighted the need to involve and engage those having lived experience as part of the consultation and allocation plan process. Providers were interested in understanding location options for the proposed facility. Downtown vs. outside downtown area. Providers wanted to understand the operating costs for such a facility, to ascertain its capacity and feasibility. Providers were also interested in understanding their roles and responsibilities moving forward.

1.B. List of organizations consulted:

Agency/Org Consulted	Type of Agency/Org	Method of Consultation	Feedback
United Methodist Open Door	Homeless Service Provider	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below for summary of feedback received.
Wichita Police Department Homeless Outreach Team (HOT)	Homeless Outreach Team	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below
COMCARE of Sedgwick County	Local Mental Health Organization	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below
The Salvation Army	Faith-Based Organization	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below
Substance Abuse Center of Kansas	Non-Profit Organization	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below
Miracles Inc.	Faith-Based Organization (Focus on substance abuse rehabilitation)	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below
Wichita Children's Home	Non-Profit Organization (Focus on emergency, temporary, and residential care for homeless youth)	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below
Wichita Family Crisis Center	Non-Profit Organization (Shelter and services for survivors of domestic violence in Sedgwick County)	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below
Catholic Charities- -Harbor House	Non-Profit Organization (Focus on homeless prevention and assistance for domestic violence survivors)	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below

Catholic Charities- -St. Anthony Family Shelter	Non-Profit Organization (Homeless shelter	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below
	provider for families)		
Center of Hope	Financial support and case management services	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below
StepStone	Faith-Based Organization (Transitional housing and supportive services for survivors of domestic violence)	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below
VA Medical Center	Primary Healthcare Services for Veterans	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below
United Way of the Plains	Homelessness Diversion Programs for Central Kansas Region	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below
Union Rescue Mission	Faith-based, non- profit organization providing emergency shelter for men	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below
HumanKind Ministries	Faith-based organization providing outreach, shelter, affordable housing and supportive services in Sedgwick County	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below
Mental Health Association	Non-profit organization providing mental & community health services and housing (includes senior housing units)	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below
Breakthrough Club/Episcopal Social Services	Social Services organization providing	1:1 Interview & Provider Survey	See consultation summary below

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	community mental		
	health services		
USD 259	McKinney-Vento	1:1 Interview &	See consultation summary below
McKinney-Vento	Homeless	Provider Survey	
Liaison	Assistance Act		
	program providing		
	children in		
	transition access to		
	education		
Consumer Credit	Non-Profit	1:1 Interview &	See consultation summary below
Counseling	community	Provider Survey	
Services	services		
	organization		
	providing financial		
	stability resources		
	to families in need		
Lange Group	Real Estate	1:1 Interview &	See consultation summary below
	Developer	Provider Survey	·
Independent	Organization	1:1 Interview &	See consultation summary below
Living Resource	serving those with	Provider Survey	
Center	disabilities		
City of Wichita	Housing and	Several in-person	Client team for HOME-ARP project; see
Housing and	service provider;	and virtual	summary below
Community	Public agency	discussions	
Services / Wichita			
Housing Authority			

1.C. Summarize feedback received and results of upfront consultation with these entities:

Consultation Summaries

Each organization consulted by Development Strategies was given an overview of HOME-ARP, including the amount of funding the City of Wichita is eligible for, the possible uses of the grant, and the qualifying populations. The consultations were used to identify priorities and needs. The summaries below reflect the key takeaways from the conversations that took place between Development Strategies and representatives from the organizations.

United Methodist Open Door

United Methodist Open Door provides five community programs in Wichita/Sedgwick County. It provides homeless day shelter service along with food distribution, and free clothing for infants, children, and adults. The organization serves all four QP's.

Development Strategies consulted with Deann Smith, the Executive Director of United Methodist Open Door on Friday, July 15th via zoom video call.

- There is a need for **more case managers** within the organization to provide initial assessment and support, as well as long-term and regular check-ins. Limited access to supportive services via case management was noted as a hindrance in being able to refer more people to housing vouchers.
- There is a need for **expanded mental health services and substance use disorder treatment**, including detox centers.
- Other gaps discussed include a lack of safe facilities for single women and lack of funds to provide assistance related to paying utilities or back rent.
- The **lack of quality affordable housing units** was also discussed, highlighting the poor condition of the current affordable rental stock in the city.

Wichita Police Department Homeless Outreach Team

The Homeless Outreach Team (H.O.T.) of the Wichita Police Department works in partnership with homeless service providers and businesses to refer homeless people to their resources or programs. The H.O.T. team is responsible for responding to all 911 calls regarding homeless individuals or calls for service. H.O.T. focuses on trying to keep homeless out of jail if possible and divert them to services or shelters. They primarily serve QP I (those who are homeless).

Development Strategies consulted with Officer Nate Schwiethale, one of the four officers within the H.O.T., on Friday, July 15th 2022 via Zoom video call. The consultation highlighted that majority of the homeless population served by the H.O.T. team suffers from mental health/substance abuse issues which often results in difficulty when trying to place them in shelters due to the entry criteria in place for many of the existing shelters.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- There is a need for more programs to address **mental health and substance use disorder**, (currently such programs in the city have a 3 to 6 month waiting list).
- Other gaps discussed include a lack of safe facilities for single women and lack of funds to provide assistance related to paying utilities or back rent.
- The **lack of quality affordable housing units** was also discussed, leading to limited options for households when rapid rehousing funds run out.
- A key gap related to services is the lack of up-front coordination among providers to efficiently connect individuals with the best options. The current system is fragmented and services are located in different areas of the city, which is also a challenge because of limited transportation options.
- The rapid rehousing program was discussed as working well but being heavily dependent on the availability of funds.

COMCARE of Sedgwick County

COMCARE is the lead mental health agency for Sedgwick County. It is the largest of the 27 Community Mental Health Centers in the State of Kansas and provides a wide array of mental health and substance abuse services to residents of Sedgwick County. The organization primarily serves QP I, QP II, and QP IV.

Development Strategies consulted with Jaimie Williams, the Housing Specialist Manager at COMCARE, on Tuesday, June 28th, 2022 and Lisa Tipton, the Assistant Director for Clinical and Rehab Services on August 5th, 2022 via Zoom video call.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- There is a need for **more case managers**, as most case managers within the organization currently have more than 30 cases and there are several open positions.
- Other gaps discussed include a lack of safe facilities for single women and lack of funds to provide assistance related to paying utilities or back rent.
- Need for more affordable housing units was also discussed.
- The consultation also highlighted their concern related to the **unwillingness of landlords to** make accommodations for those who are disabled.

The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army is a faith-based organization that provides homeless services. They have a total of three locations in the City of Wichita—providing a 28-bed congregate facility for single and family households. The congregate facility is designed to serve for a maximum of 30 days but is often used for up to 45 days due to the lack of permanent housing units to transition to. They fund ten apartments in the community under the Housing First model. In addition to housing, they also offer food and rent assistance, bus passes for employed individuals, identification services, funding for child-care services, and funding for school tuition. The organization primarily serves QP I.

Development Strategies met with Jami Scott, the Director of Social Services at Salvation Army on Wednesday, June 29th, 2022 for an in-person consultation.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- There is a need for **more case managers**, with a focus on extensive training for case managers to equip them for their work with substance abuse, mental health and recovery.
- There is also a need to educate and incentivize landlords to participate in Second Chance programs and to enable them build better relationships with the tenants.
- Other gaps discussed include a **lack of funding for employment opportunities** for those who are willing to work.
- Need for more safe and affordable housing units was also discussed.

Substance Abuse Center for Kansas

The Substance Abuse Center for Kansas (SACK) is a non-profit organization specializing in the prevention, treatment, and case management of individuals affected by substance abuse. The organization primarily serves QP I, QP II, and QP IV.

Development Strategies met with Chad Harmon who is the Clinical Care Coordinator at SACK on Friday, August 12th, 2022 for a virtual meeting via Zoom.

- There is a need for more value-based long-term case management to make sure that those being helped can find and remain in permanent housing, with a focus on minimizing people falling back into homelessness.
- Need for in-house medical detox beds, along with addiction counselors was also highlighted.
- There is also a need to educate and incentivize landlords to participate in Second Chance programs and to enable them build better relationships with the tenants.
- Other gaps discussed include, a lack of safe shelters for single women, and lack of funds to
 provide assistance related to paying utilities or back rent for those moving into transitional
 housing.

Miracles Inc.

Miracles Inc. is a faith-based organization that provides permanent supportive housing for homeless individuals with chronic addiction. In addition to providing a diagnosis program for women and women with children, they also provide transitional housing for single homeless women. Their permanent supportive housing, Magnolia Place, provides housing for youths aging out of the foster care system (18 to 22 years of age). They have diagnosis programs, outpatient behavioral health, and an outpatient program for youth aged 14 to 23 (Steel Magnolias). The organization serves all four QP's.

Development Strategies met with Maggie Flanders on Wednesday, June 29th, 2022 for an in-person consultation.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- There is a need for more case managers within the organization.
- The organization is unable to keep their facilities at full-occupancy and struggles with limited outreach capacity due to lack of staffing.
- A broader challenge of available funding and resources, such as vouchers, being underutilized due to a decreasing number of landlords accepting vouchers and willing to work with clientele.
- Other gaps discussed include, a lack of quality affordable housing units, a need for more substance abuse treatment options and detox beds, and a critical need for low-barrier shelters and service options.

Wichita Children's Home

The Wichita Children's Home is a non-profit organization that offers emergency, temporary, and residential care for children in the City of Wichita. Their services include assessment and intervention support, temporary housing for children at risk of abuse, neglect or homelessness, and education, prevention and advocacy initiatives. The organization primarily serves QP I.

They operate an emergency shelter with 25 beds along with a drop-in center that serves youth (25 years and younger) and provides meals and shower facilities. Additionally, BRIDGES—their transitional program—provides safe and stable housing, counseling, education, life skills coaching, and vocational preparation for 16 to 21 year olds facing challenges such as aging out of foster care, pregnancy and homelessness.

Development Strategies met with Soutdaly Sysavath, the Director of Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs at Wichita Children's Home on Tuesday, June 28th, 2022 for an in-person consultation.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- The discussion highlighted the need for more case managers—the organization suffered multiple staff lay-offs during COVID-19 and has been unable to return to previous capacity ever since.
- Need for mental health resources such as short/long term therapy, detox beds, and medication management was also discussed.
- While the availability of affordable housing units was not specified as a major challenge, the
 discussion did highlight the unwillingness of landlords to accept housing vouchers, leading to
 difficulty placing many youths in stable long-term housing.
- Another need is for the provider network to become more focused on homelessness prevention rather than just reaction.

Wichita Family Crisis Center

Wichita Family Crisis Center is a non-profit organization that supports survivors of domestic violence through shelter, education, and advocacy. They have an 8-bedroom facility and provide a 6-week shelter program for survivors. It is one of two violence shelters in the area and was serving 22 survivors at the time of this consultation. Their services include, legal court advocate, help with relocation to another state, help with job search and placement, and access to support groups. The organization primarily serves QP III.

Development Strategies met with Tracey Gay, the Director of Client Services at Wichita Family Crisis Center on Wednesday, July 21st for a virtual meeting via Zoom.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- Several barriers including **difficulty tracking vital records** (i.e., social security card, ID, and birth certificates) **and legal challenges**.
- The consultation also highlighted a lack of safe housing options to transition survivors into, often extending their 6-week stay in the shelter. Ms. Gay informed us that the center recently acquired a new building which will double their capacity, hopeful that it would mitigate some of the capacity challenges they are facing.
- The need for more case managers (specifically for the new facility) along with more traumainformed services was underscored throughout the consultation.

Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities is a faith-based organization that provides rapid rehousing services to families, domestic violence survivors, and veterans. Currently, they have a utility grant to support already housed individuals with one-month of services. Development Strategies met with Jenni Buckmaster (IT Program Director) and Diane Peltier (Director of Grants and Compliance) on Wednesday, June 29th, 2022 for an in-person consultation. The organization serves QP I, QP III, and QP IV. Following are overviews of the two facilities at Catholic Charities

Harbor House

Harbor House at the Catholic Charities is a domestic violence shelter that provides a variety of services to those who are trying to flee abusive relationships. Some of the services include case management, individualized safety planning, 24-hour hotline, counseling and support groups, and referrals to community services.

St. Anthony Family Shelter

St. Anthony Family Shelter is the only Wichita-area shelter designed specifically for families with minor children. Individuals and couples without children under the age of 18 are referred to other shelters in the area. They have 13 furnished resident units with a family room, bedrooms, and bathrooms that can house a total of 33 to 55 people. Some of the services include emergency shelter for families with minor children, health assessments and referrals for medical needs, attention to children's schooling, hot meals, and referrals for drug, alcohol, and mental health counseling.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- A **lack of safe housing options to transition into**, often extending shelter stays by several weeks. The lack of housing units was attributed largely to the unwillingness of landlords to work with the housing voucher programs.
- Increase in unemployment and rise in evictions was also underscored in the discussion as post-COVID impacts to the homeless ecosystem.
- In addition to the need for more case managers and staffing, the discussion highlighted a gap in providing more landlord incentives and engagement to help with the utilization rate of the available housing vouchers.

Center for Hope

Center for Hope is a faith-based organization that provides financial and material assistance to help prevent homelessness in the City of Wichita and the surrounding counties. They have a total of three full-time employees and are completely funded by donations. Currently, they have a utility grant to support already housed individuals with one-month of services. The organization primarily serves QP II.

Development Strategies met with George Dinkel, the Executive Director at Center for Hope, on Tuesday, June 28th, 2022 for an in-person consultation.

Key needs and priories identified include:

- The **need for more case managers** (ideally 10 to 15 case managers) in order to assist with administering funds.
- In addition, there is a need for more resources to assist with utility payments and arrears, as well as rent payments.
- We also discussed **the lack of safe housing options**—attributed to the unwillingness of landlords to work with the housing voucher programs.
- In addition to the need for more case managers and staffing, the discussion highlighted a need for more space to carry out some of the educational services and legal assistance.

<u>StepStone</u>

StepStone responds to the needs of the survivors of domestic violence by providing supportive services and transitional housing. They also offer robust case management as an outreach service. Other wraparound services include credit counseling classes, financial literacy, etc. StepStone partners with Mennonite Housing for their transitional housing—a housing complex with 28 apartments. Their transitional housing is available to DV survivors for a period of 2 years, after which the survivors are able to graduate to a more permanent living arrangement. They primarily serve QP III.

Development Strategies met with Dung Kimble (Program Director), Kit Lambertz (Executive Director), and Tressa Lauderdale (Community Outreach Liaison) from StepStone on Monday, August 22nd, 2022 for a virtual consultation via Zoom.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- Many domestic violence survivors are unable to afford rent after rapid rehousing funds end and then face eviction, but may not qualify for housing vouchers. Thus, there is a need for affordable housing options or additional rental support for this population.
- There is a **need for emergency shelters for women and those fleeing domestic violence**. The success rate is higher when helping survivors who have had some break from the abusive situation, through an emergency shelter or living with a friend or family versus those who come directly from the abusive situation.
- There is a **need for trauma-informed services**, including formal education for other providers.
- There are **not enough quality and safe affordable housing units** in the community for clients to transition into once they graduate from StepStone.
- Generally, there is a **need for more case managers across the provider network**, as well as a need for funding to pay better salaries.

VA Medical Center

The VA Medical Center provides primary care and specialty health services to veterans. With the VA Supportive Housing program (HUD-VASH), they help Veterans who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless by providing rental assistance paired with case management and supportive services for homeless Veterans. Currently, they have approximately 200 Housing Choice Vouchers. The organization primarily serves veterans in QP I, QP II, and QP IV.

Development Strategies met with Cynthia Sawyer (Program Director) and Kenneth Barker (Executive Director) from the VA Medical Center on Tuesday, August 9th, 2022 for a virtual consultation via Zoom.

- Finding quality housing stock in the city is a major barrier in being able to utilize the available HCVs. Most of the affordable housing stock does not pass the required quality inspections. Thus, there is a **need for affordable housing options or additional rental support** for this population.
- Additionally, landlords are unwilling to work with HCVs, creating further barriers to finding
 housing units for the veterans. Provision of more education and incentives to encourage
 landlords to work with the providers was discussed as a possible solution.
- Generally, there is a **need for more case managers across the provider network** and staffing dedicated to housing search.
- Lack of funds to provide assistance related to paying utilities or back rent.

United Way of Plains

United Way of Plains is the Continuum of Care (CoC) lead and provides healthy homelessness diversion resources for the Central Kansas region. It provides assistance with locating family, friends, and providing robust case management. United Way of Plains operates 16 housing units, available to those in need for a period of three months. The organization serves QP I.

Development Strategies met with Matt Lowe, the Community Impact Manager at United Way of Plains on Tuesday, July 19th, 2022 for a virtual consultation via Zoom. Development Strategies also met with Cole Schieders, CoC Planning Manager, and Steve Burt, CoC HMIS Administrator, on August 8, 2022.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- A lack of safe housing options to transition into. This lack of housing units was largely attributed to the unwillingness of landlords to work with the housing voucher programs.
- Due to the high case load they face, the need for more case managers was underscored throughout the discussion.
- Other gaps involved, a lack of safe facilities for single women and survivors of domestic violence, and lack of funds to provide assistance related to paying utilities or back rent.
- The discussion also highlighted the fact that most shelters are high-barrier, with multiple rules and regulations which makes it difficult for people to qualify for entry and limits the resources available to help them.
- Need for better coordination with a homelessness diversion program was also highlighted.

Union Rescue Mission

Union Rescue Mission is a faith-based, non-profit organization that provides emergency shelter for men in the area. This is the largest shelter for men in the State of Kansas with programs to assist with homelessness, addiction, and mental health issues. They operate approximately 224 beds, along with 79 emergency overnight guest beds, and 18 medical beds with a nurse on staff. The organization does not utilize any assistance from federal programs. The organization serves QP I.

Development Strategies met with Doug Nolte, the CEO of the Union Rescue Mission on Tuesday, June 28th, 2022 for an in-person consultation.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- A need for facilities that provide both physical and mental health services under the same roof.
- A lack of safe transitional housing units in the community.
- Although the organization runs a bus for 44 people, public transportation in the City of Wichita
 was described as a barrier for individuals trying to access services around the city.
 Additionally, the need for more case managers was underscored throughout the discussion.

HumanKind Ministries

HumanKind Ministries is a non-profit organization that provides street outreach, shelter, affordable housing, supportive services, and basic needs to those experiencing homelessness or poverty in Sedgwick County. In addition to their three shelters (one year-round, and two emergency winter shelters), HumanKind operates 155 low-income, permanent supportive apartments, all located in Midtown Wichita, Kansas. These apartments are a combination of intermediary housing complexes for

those moving directly from homelessness and longer-term, affordable apartments that are designated for HUD-approved homeless persons. The organization serves all four QPs.

Development Strategies met with Latasha St. Arnault, President/CEO, Roxanne Moren, Director of Special Projects, and Bill Slater, Director of Finance and IT, on Wednesday, June 29th, 2022 for an inperson consultation.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- Low-barrier accessible shelter beds are the biggest need.
- Insufficient safe affordable housing units and difficulty for low-barrier entry for the homeless in the community.
- In addition to the **need for more case managers, employee retention** was also discussed as a challenge.
- Other needs include intensive mental health services, more supportive services for shelters, and better transportation service in the city.

Mental Health Association

Mental Health Association (MHA) is a non-profit organization that provides a full range of mental and community health services to south central Kansas. They have two long-term group homes, apartments for independent living, and senior housing with a total of 72 housing units for elderly population (above 62 years of age). Additionally, they provide wrap-around services like job training, and addiction treatment that commercial therapy offices often cannot. The organization primarily serves QP I, QP II, and QP IV.

Development Strategies met with Seth Nesmith (Senior Director of Residential Services) and Megan Bruce (Executive Director) from MHA on Friday, August 12th, 2022 for a virtual consultation via Zoom.

They shared that the majority of the population they serve is older, struggling with complex mental health issues.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- A need for more low-income housing, especially for women.
- The need for stronger case management and wrap-around services was underscored throughout the discussion.

The conversation also highlighted the **need for more transitional housing units and a lack of enough quality and safe affordable housing units in the community.** This was attributed to the unwillingness of landlords to work with housing vouchers.

Breakthrough Club/ Episcopal Social Services

Breakthrough, formerly Episcopal Social Services, is a broad-based social services organization. They operate a community mental health program designed to provide support, therapy, and medication. They help people move out of poverty by providing various wraparound services, including case management, peer support, help in finding employment opportunities, assistance in finding housing options, and serving meals daily for those in need. The organization primarily serves QP I, QP II, and QP IV.

Development Strategies met with Andy Houltberg, the CEO of Breakthrough, and Alleshia Benward, Director of Turning Point Program on Wednesday, June 29th, 2022 for an in-person consultation.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- They shared that the organization is running at-capacity right now, **not having enough space to** accommodate everyone who needs help.
- The conversation also highlighted the lack of enough quality and safe affordable housing units in the community, especially in areas away from downtown. This was attributed to landlords who are raising rents to market rates, hence making the units unaffordable for most who are in need.
- Other challenges included, a need for more case managers to help provide long-term support, and a need for shelters to house single women in need.

USD 259 McKinney Vento Liaison

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act requires that all schools provide students in transition with immediate access to an education, even if the child lacks school records, a birth certificate, medical/immunizations documents, or proof of residency. The USD 259 McKinney Vento Liaison ensures that all homeless children and youth receive an opportunity to enroll and attend all public schools in the district. They served 1,445 students between 2019 and 2020, and 1,550 students between 2020 and 2021. Currently, they are serving 984 students (as of November 21, 2022). They primarily serve youth in QPs I and II, as well as QP III.

Development Strategies met with Jonni Tennant, the Family Support Worker at the McKinney Vento Program for Wichita Public Schools on Tuesday, August 23rd, 2022 for a virtual consultation via Zoom. Development Strategies met with Cynthia Martinez, the McKinney-Vento Liaison (director of the program), on November 21, 2022 via a phone call.

- They shared that many families approaching them for assistance do not meet HUD's definition of homelessness (they are staying with family or friends and are not considered homeless).
 Hence, they do not qualify for a lot of services (like Rapid Rehousing, etc.) which hinders their progress to transition from limbo to stability. Thus, referring families to housing options was shared as a major challenge.
- There are not enough (if any) shelter beds or housing for unsupervised youth, those fleeing domestic violence, or larger families. There are few safe places for these groups to go.
- The conversation also highlighted the lack of enough quality and safe affordable housing units in the community.
- The need for expediting the whole process to get people into stable housing conditions.
- The need for **long-term support and services for vulnerable renters**. A lot of individuals or households fall back into homelessness or insecurity because those supports are not in place.

Consumer Credit Counseling Services

Consumer Credit Counseling Services is a nonprofit community service organization that provides resources to families to help them regain financial stability as well as learn new tools to become more financially successful. The organization serves the entire State of Kansas and provides credit counseling to those who are near/at risk of being homeless, or primarily QP II.

Development Strategies met with Raven Dickenson, the President & CEO of Consumer Credit Counseling Services on Wednesday, July 13th, 2022 for a virtual consultation via Zoom.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- There are **not enough financial resources** to support the amount of **financial services** that are needed to properly serve the at risk population.
- More funding is needed to help households with economic hardships that increased during the COVID-19 pandemic due to job loss and illness.
- There is significant need for more affordable housing units. Rents increased substantially the past two years, among the cost of most goods, creating more strain on households.

LANGE Community Foundation

LANGE Community Foundation supports non-profit organizations with a focus on mental health, addiction, and homelessness. Currently, this group does not directly serve any of the QPs other than by supporting organizations doing the work. However, they recently announced that HealthCore Clinic will build a facility on its OneRise Health Campus, focused on behavioral health. The efforts will serve all QPs when completed.

Development Strategies met with Matt Tannehill, the Director of Strategic Initiatives, and Scott Ackerson, a consultant working on driving solutions for those experiencing homelessness, on Wednesday, August 10th, 2022 for a virtual consultation via Zoom.

Key needs and priorities identified include:

- There is no comprehensive and systemic approach to providing supportive services for homeless and at-risk population in the area.
- There are **not enough mental health and substance abuse facilities and services**, and there are major gaps between emergency care and long-term support.
- There is a shortage of affordable housing units, particularly for larger households.

Independent Living Resource Center

Independent Living Resource Center (ILRC) is a non-profit organization that provides services for people with all kinds of disabilities—physical, mental and developmental—and helps them live as independently as possible in the homes and communities of their choice. They primarily serve QP IV.

Development Strategies met with Cindy Unruh, the Executive Director, Harley Anderson, and Maria Santillan at ILRC on Wednesday, August 17th, 2022 for a virtual consultation via Zoom.

- A **lack of accessible housing** (with ramps, elevators, wider doors, adequate fixtures like grab bars in the bathroom, etc.) **for people with disabilities.**
- The conversation also highlighted the lack of enough quality and safe affordable housing units in the community, mainly to the unwillingness of landlords to accept housing vouchers from populations with disabilities, or in some cases, people with prior felonies.
- Costs associated with making a house accessible and the need for additional repair and maintenance was discussed as another challenge that landlords in the community face.

Wichita Housing Authority

Wichita Housing Authority (WHA) is a division of the Housing and Community Services Department in the City of Wichita. WHA operates 226 elderly/disabled units that converted under RAD on 10/29/21 – 9 two bedroom and 217 one bedroom units. They operate public housing units as well—352 single family homes of which 16 are fully UFAS accessible. 35 two bedroom, 161 three bedroom, 95 four bedroom, 39 five bedroom, and 22 six bedroom. Nearly half of these units are currently unoccupied because WHA is working with HUD on the RAD conversion process.

WHA also operates the Housing Choice Voucher program with 3,360 total vouchers. There is currently a waitlist of 3,131 households. More than 54 percent of households on the waitlist are waiting for a studio or one-bedroom unit, 30 percent for a two-bedroom, 12 percent for a three-bedroom, and four percent for a larger unit. More than 27 percent of applicants report having a disability and 85 percent qualify as extremely low income (30 percent AMI or below). Approximately 46 percent of applicants are African American and another 46 percent are white. A total of nearly 13 percent indicate Hispanic or Latino ethnicity.

The Housing and Community Services also administers homeless prevention programs (utility and rent assistance) and rapid rehousing, which are operated by partner organizations.

Development Strategies met with Sally Stang, Director, Logan Bradshaw, Assistant Director, Mark Stanberry, Community Investments Manager, and Shelly Haupt, Senior Housing Specialist, on several occasions between June and October, as they are the city team leading the HOPE-ARP process.

- There are **not enough quality and safe affordable housing units in the community,** mainly due to the unwillingness of landlords to accept housing vouchers from populations with disabilities, or in some cases, people with prior felonies.
- There is a need for **more housing navigators** to ensure long-term housing stability.
- There is a need for more case managers to keep people from falling back into homelessness.
- There is a need **for a more coordinated approach** to provide services.

2. Public Participation (As of November 22, 2022)

Describe the public participation process, including information about and the dates of the public comment period and public hearing(s) held during the development of the plan:

- Date(s) of public notice: October 28, 2022
- *Public comment period:* start date October 28, 2022. end date December 6, 2022.
- Date(s) of public hearing: December 6, 2022

Describe the public participation process:

The public process included the following components:

- Notification of the beginning of the public comment period published in print media and on City of Wichita website: October 28, 2022.
- Public survey to collect feedback on the draft plan: October 28-December 5, 2022.
- Public Information Session #1: November 2, 2022 at 4:00pm; virtual via Zoom.
- Public Information Session #2: November 16, 2022 at 4:00pm; in-person at Advanced Learning Library
- Public Hearing: December 6 at 9:00am

Describe efforts to broaden public participation:

The City published notices for the public comment period and both public information sessions in The Wichita Eagle, on the Housing and Neighborhood Services website (https://www.wichita.gov/Housing), and through the City's Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/cityofwichita). A copy of the affidavit of publication in The Wichita Eagle is attached below. Comments received during the public comment period and the information sessions, along with the survey responses are attached at the end of this document.



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Substantial Amendment to 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan
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The City of Wichita has been awarded \$5,508,372 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program-American Rescue Plan Act (HOME-ARP) funding. This funding must be utilitized to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations. The City has developed a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, which identifies activities to be funded and undertaken, and proposes a substantial amendment to its 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan in order to include the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. The proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will be available for public review beginning October 28, 2022 through December 5, 2022. The proposed plan will be available at City Hall, all Neighborhood Resource Centers, the Advanced Learning Library, as well as the Ford Rockwell, Lionel Alford, Westlink, and Maya Angelou branch libraries. The proposed plan will also be available at the City of Wichita's Housing and Community Services Department's first floor desk at City Hall, 455 N. Main, Wichita, Kansas, 67202. The proposed plan can also be viewed online at: https://www.wichita.gov/Housing/Pages/CommunityInvestments.aspx. Comments regarding the proposed HOME-ARP allocation plan must be received by midnight, December 5, 2022, and can be submitted by mail to City of Wichita Housing and Community Services Department, 455 N. Main, 10th Floor, Wichita, Kansas, 67202, by telephone at 316-462-3734, or by e-mail to community housing @wichita.gov or mstanberry@wichita.gov. A virtual public information session regarding the proposed plan is scheduled to be held Tuesday, November 1, at 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM. Please contact Logan Bradshaw at 316-462-3725, or at Ibradshaw.@wichita.gov for instructions regarding the proposed plan is scheduled Oct 27 2022

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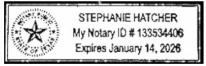
Hayley Martin, of lawful age, being first duly sworn, deposeth and saith: That he is Record Clerk of The Wichita Eagle, a daily newspaper published in the City of Wichita, County of Sedgwick, State of Kansas, and having a general paid circulation on a daily basis in said County, which said newspaper has been continuously and uninterruptedly published in said County for more than one year prior to the first publication of the notice hereinafter mentioned, and which said newspaper has been entered as second class mail matter at the United States Post Office in Wichita, Kansas, and which said newspaper is not a trade, religious or fraternal publication and that a notice of a true copy is hereto attached was published in the regular and entire Morning issue of said The Wichita Eagle from 10/27/2022

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The draft Allocation Plan was made available in print at area libraries and community centers and online on the Housing and Neighborhood Services website. Links to the public survey and YouTube recordings of the public information sessions are also posted on that website. Two public information sessions were held as noted above—the first one was virtual via Zoom and the second was in-person. The intent was to allow for participation in multiple formats. As of the date of this draft, 39 responses to the survey were received.

Summarize the comments and recommendations received through the public participation process either in writing, or orally at a public hearing:

The following statements summarize the comments and recommendations received. More detailed notes, as well as the survey results, are included as an attachment to this document. The facilitated discussion during both public information sessions was based upon the following three questions; however, all comments were accepted.

- 1. Do you agree with the focus on a single project that provides a navigation center, non-congregate shelter, and affordable housing units? Why or why not?
- 2. Are there priority needs around homelessness and housing insecurity that this plan does not address?
- 3. Do you agree with the distribution of funds among supportive services, non-congregate shelter, and affordable housing? If not, how should the funds be allocated?

November 2nd Public Information Session (Virtual)

- People often get lost navigating the resources available, so a centrally-located navigation center is important.
- Concern about the amount of funds available to launch and maintain a Navigation Center.
- Skill building is very important to help those experiencing homelessness to succeed.
- There is a need to provide services to those with felonies or who are registered sex offenders.
- The waiting list for inpatient treatment for substance abuse is too long (three to six months).
- There is a big gap in services for those who are uninsured.
- Need landlord incentives to get more to participate and help repair damage to units.
- Money should be deferred to USD 259 to teach life skills.
- Some funds should be allocated to tenant-based rental assistance (TBRA).
- Supportive services funding should be increased.

November 16th Public Information Session (in-person)

- Broad support for the focus on a single project that provides a navigation center, noncongregate shelter, and affordable housing units.
- Questions about how many people are going to be served.
- The plan does not address substance abuse and mental illness, but it is understood why.
- Need for accessible, affordable housing designed for those in poverty or disabilities.
- Need housing for those who have had evictions in the past.
- City has tons of affordable housing, but it is not accessible, or has poor quality.
- Allocation plan addresses major gaps.

- Concern about the HOME-ARP funds as allocated will be enough to get this project done. City will need additional funds and partners.
- The government should not build or run the facility because they will be too slow and providers are better suited to design and operate it.
- Another person agreed with the City developing the facility and partner organizations running it.

Public Survey (as of November 29, 2022)

- 77 percent of respondents "agree" or "strongly agree" with the focus on a single project with a Navigation Center, non-congregate shelter, and affordable housing units.
- 61 percent of respondents "agree" or "strongly agree" with the proposed allocation of funds.
- For those who disagree with the proposed allocation of funds, the recommended changes, in order of responses are: more money to supportive services, more money to low-barrier non-congregate shelter, fund TBRA, and more money to development of affordable rental housing.
- More agencies should have been consulted.
- Concern about the amount of funding to any of the categories—that it is not enough to do it well.
- Support for the plan was stated by multiple respondents.
- Ongoing operations should be carried out by a local provider.
- Any actions to aid the homeless population are needed.
- Improved mental health resources are needed.
- Low-barrier shelters and comprehensive services are needed, as the challenge is growing and more are moving to the area from other cities and states.
- Providers are seeing more women who need shelter and services, as well as those recently evicted.
- There are many existing buildings in Wichita that could be converted to affordable housing.

Summarize any comments or recommendations not accepted and state the reasons why:

All comments provided in writing and captured during conversation were accepted; however, not all recommendations are incorporated into this plan.

- "The plan should include funding for TBRA".
 - o Funding TBRA is not included in this allocation plan because there are currently dozens of vouchers available and/or households approved for vouchers are unable to find landlords willing to accept them or otherwise suitable housing. More than 130 vouchers for homeless individuals or families were approved as of October 2022 that went unused. This challenge also applies to the Housing Choice Vouchers. Thus, vouchers are currently available, but suitable affordable housing units are not.
- "Funding should be increased for supportive services."
 - The consultations, provider survey, and needs and gaps analysis clearly indicate that there is a need to expand funding for supportive services, particularly for case management, outreach, and housing navigation. The primary challenge, and reason that more funding is not allocated in this plan for supportive services, is that HOME-

ARP funds are temporary. They would provide short-term funding for additional services that would be beneficial to the communities and QPs, but those services may also cease when the funding is used. Therefore, the City chose to focus the majority of the funds on supporting the development of a facility that will fill other critical gaps in the system more permanently.

- "The government should not build or run the facility..."
 - There are many successful precedents of municipal and county governments building and providing operating funding for similar facilities. In this proposal, the City is positioned to align additional funding to support the physical development of the facility and, because Wichita Housing Authority is a City department, is able to provide project-based vouchers for the affordable housing units. The intent is to align additional funds from the state, federal and state low income housing tax credits, and other sources as they come available. At the same time, the City recognizes that it is not the best entity to manage the affordable housing units or operate the non-congregate shelter and it will see community partners to do so.
- "The funds should be transferred to USD 259..."
 - o This is not an eligible use.
- "In-patient treatment for mental health and substance abuse are needed."
 - The supportive service allocation can be used for this element; however, HOME-ARP funds cannot be used to build such facilities.

3. Needs Assessment and Gaps Analysis

OPTIONAL Homeless Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

	Homeless												
	Current Inventory			Н	omeless Population			Gap Analysis					
	Far	nily	Adult	s Only	Vets	Family	Adult			Family		Adults Only	
	# of # of # of # of # of Beds Units Beds Units Beds HH (at least 1 (w/o child)	vets Victims of DV	# of Beds	# of Units	# of Beds	# of Units							
Emergency Shelter	131	36	233	#	26								
Transitional Housing	95	35	122	#	9								
Permanent Supportive Housing	108	76	508	#	208								
Other Permanent Housing	283	100	299	#	24								
Sheltered Homeless						263	1,370	142	114				
Unsheltered Homeless						0	124	40	0				
Current Gap										#	16	332	#

Data Sources: 1. Point in Time Count (PIT); 2. Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC); 3. Consultation

OPTIONAL Housing Needs Inventory and Gap Analysis Table

S	Non-Homeless	•	
	Current Inventory	Level of Need	Gap Analysis
	# of Units	# of Households	# of Households
Total Rental Units	65,017		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 30% AMI (At-Risk of Homelessness)	6,480		
Rental Units Affordable to HH at 50% AMI (Other Populations)	27,440		
0%-30% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (At-Risk of Homelessness)		13,840	
30%-50% AMI Renter HH w/ 1 or more severe housing problems (Other Populations)		8,880	
Current Gaps			7,360

Data Sources: 1. American Community Survey (ACS); 2. Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS)

3.A. Describe the size and demographic composition of qualifying populations within the PJ's boundaries:

People experiencing homelessness:

The City of Wichita is part of the KS-502 - Wichita/Sedgwick County Continuum of Care (CoC), which encompasses the entire Sedgwick County. The CoC does not break down the PIT data by cities.

The most recent KS-502 - Wichita/Sedgwick County CoC PIT count (2022) identified 690 people experiencing homelessness. Of the 690 individuals, 124 (18 percent) people were living unsheltered on the streets, in vehicles or encampments. Because of COVID-19, the CoC did not conduct an unsheltered count in 2021.

According to the PIT count in 2022, adults over 18 years old comprise 66 percent of Wichita's homeless population. Nearly 110 children under 18 years experienced sheltered homelessness (16 percent of the total homeless population). At the same time, the USD 259 McKinney Vento Liaison in the City of Wichita served nearly 1,550 children for academic year 2020- 2021 (serving at least 400 children experiencing homelessness so far for year 2022). Many of those children and youth do not meet the HUD definition of homelessness for purposes of the PIT count but fall under the "other special populations" definition for HOME-ARP purposes because they are couch surfing or doubled up in homes/apartments with other families. They are considered homeless under McKinney-Vento's definition of homelessness.

Per the Sedgwick County PIT count in 2022, nearly two-thirds of the homeless population was male. White individuals comprised 59 percent of the homeless population (compared to 80.6 percent of the general population). At the same time, Black or African American individuals comprised 25 percent of the homeless population (compared to 9.2 percent of the general population). Nearly 18 percent of the homeless residents who received services reported having a severe mental illness (SMI), while 9.6% reported experiencing a substance use disorder (SUD). Nearly 14 percent (81 individuals) of the homeless residents identified as Domestic Violence Survivors, and 11 percent (66 individuals) were veterans.

We also consulted the HMIS data for the KS-502 Sedgwick County CoC providers for the period between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021. During that time, 2,608 unique individuals accessed homeless services. Nearly a third (34 percent) of those individuals came from households that included children or only children. Twenty-two percent of all individuals in HMIS were children. Ten percent were young adults. For that time period, HMIS data shows that 39% of the individuals identified as female, with 60% identifying as male, and 1% identified as transgender. For the racial composition of people tracked in HMIS, 53% of those in HMIS identified as White, 28% identified as Black, 6% identified as American Indian, 4% identified as multiple races, while all other races comprised 1% or less of the population in HMIS. Seven percent of the total HMIS population identified as Hispanic or Latino.

Those at risk of homelessness:

According to the American Community Survey (ACS) data for 2016-2020, nearly 15 percent of all the residents in the City of Wichita are living in poverty. Additionally, eight communities within the city (identified by zip code) have at least 20 percent of the residents living below the federal poverty level. More than 12 percent (18,560) households in the City are headed by single mothers. While only 5.6 percent of the city's children under age 19 are uninsured, some neighborhoods within the city have much higher rates, with one neighborhood having nearly 12 percent uninsured children. City of Wichita's unemployment rate is 9.2 percent, but there are areas within the city (based on zip codes) that have higher unemployment (based on 2020), reaching as high as 13.5 percent.

Vast majority of people living in the city have at least a high school diploma (88.5 percent). While nearly 19 percent of the overall population in the city has a bachelor's degree, the percentage of African-American population with a bachelor's degree (17 percent) and Hispanic population with a bachelor's degree (13 percent) is lower than the city average.

Across the city, 41.5 percent of renters spend more than 30 percent of their income on housing, with 20 percent renters being extremely cost-burdened (spending more than 50% of their income on housing). Throughout the city, nearly 10 percent of the housing stock – renter and owner occupied – was built before 1940, increasing the risk that people may be living in substandard housing or could be evicted in order to modernize the aging housing stock. This issue is more pronounced in some parts of the city, like the downtown area where as much as a third of all the housing stock was built before the 1940s.

Thirteen census tracts in the City of Wichita are considered food deserts (where 33 percent or more individuals live more than half a mile from a grocery store). Additionally, 10 percent of the population in Sedgwick County is receiving SNAP benefits (providing supplemental money to buy food). Recent reports by *Feeding America* identified that 1 in 7 children are food insecure in Kansas (102,760 children). Given the concentration of high levels of poverty and unemployment, and relatively high rent burdens placed upon residents of the City of Wichita, there are a number of risk factors present that make City residents at increased risk of homelessness.

Those fleeing, or attempting to flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking:

Per the CoC PIT count for 2022, there were 81 survivors of domestic violence. For the period between October 1, 2020 and September 30, 2021 in HMIS, 450 unique individuals (22 percent of the total population in HMIS) accessed domestic violence services. 5.4 percent of those households included children.

Sedgwick County overwhelmingly leads the 105 counties in Kansas in frequency of domestic violence incidents, arrests and homicides. According to the *Kansas Bureau of Investigation*, the number of domestic violence offenses in Sedgwick County hit a record 8,344 in 2020 for an 8% increase from 2019.

Domestic violence is one of the leading causes of homelessness for women and their children. Although safe housing can provide a pathway to freedom, there are many barriers that prevent survivors from obtaining or maintaining safe and affordable housing. The majority of survivors experience financial abuse, meaning that they have not had access to the family finances, have been prohibited from working, or have had their credit scores destroyed by an abusive partner. Victims may also face discrimination in accessing or maintaining housing based on the violent or criminal actions of perpetrators. Additionally, victims are limited in the locations and types of housing they can access because of their unique safety and confidentiality needs, and many housing or homelessness assistance programs have barriers that inadvertently exclude victims of violence.

The majority of available statistics about human trafficking are state level data. In 2020, the *National Human Trafficking Hotline* (NHTH) logged 390 contacts (through telephone, texts, online chats, emails and webforms) in Kansas concerning human trafficking—increasing by nearly 70% since 2019. From among the total contacts, 89 cases of human trafficking were reported.

City of Wichita has a high number of reported runaways, which can be a risk factor for human trafficking. According to data from *Community Crime Map*, the City had nearly 500 runaway cases from 2016 till date. While being a runaway is not human trafficking, youth runaways are more susceptible to human trafficking.

Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability:

Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data indicates that between 2015 and 2019, there were 153,280 households in the city. Of those households, 29 percent had at least 1 of 4 housing

problems. Households that had at least 1 of 4 severe housing problems comprised 15 percent of the households. 26 percent of households were cost burdened (paying more than 30% of their income toward housing).

Children and youth are a population that faces homelessness, but are not eligible for homelessness services through the CoC and other funding streams. According to the Wichita School District, 1,550 school-aged students in the 2020/2021 academic year were facing homelessness under the McKinney Vento Act (they are serving 400 children so far, for academic year 2022). That group includes students and their families who are couch surfing, doubled up, or in other unstable housing situations that are not considered "homelessness" under many of the other HUD programs, but they do fall under the "other special populations" definition for HOME-ARP purposes.

3.B. Identify and consider the current resources available to assist qualifying populations, including congregate and non-congregate shelter units, supportive services, TBRA, and affordable and permanent supportive rental housing (Optional):

See descriptions on pages four to 15.

3.C. Describe the unmet housing and service needs of qualifying populations:

Those experiencing homelessness:

There are currently not enough emergency shelter beds, particularly non-congregate shelter space, for all populations, especially for women, as well as those fleeing domestic violence. There are very few low-barrier, housing-focused shelter options.

There are not enough transitional housing units, supportive housing units, or affordable housing units for homeless individuals and families. There are currently (as of October 2022) 137 vouchers approved for homeless households, but there is great difficulty finding landlords willing to rent to those households. There are additional vouchers and resources currently available that are going unused because of the lack of available suitable units.

There is a need for additional staffing for long-term case management, social work, housing navigators, outreach, and similar positions. Most providers who provide case management have open positions. There are not enough case managers or housing navigators to help make full use of available housing vouchers, in addition to the lack of available affordable housing units.

There is a need to expand mental health and substance abuse services, particularly in-patient beds, and there are gaps in the critical care system for mental health challenges. There are not enough qualified counselors (including psychiatrists and psychologists) and case managers, especially to provide consistent, long-term care.

The size of the homeless population is not fully known because not all providers participate in HMIS, and there is no central coordination system to link individuals with services and track their progress over time. A major need in this context that was identified is additional staffing for outreach, to help identify unsheltered homeless, link them with services, and follow-through.

Those at risk of homelessness:

The unmet housing needs of those at risk of homelessness include the availability of quality affordable units of all types—for singles up to large families. There are a limited, and decreasing, number of landlords willing to accept vouchers and/or lease to households with evictions, low credit scores, or justice-related matters in their history.

In terms of services, there are limited resources available for eviction prevention, to keep households in their current home. There are limited funds and programs available to assist with rental and utility payments to prevent eviction, and few, if any, eviction prevention programs that help mediate challenging landlord and tenant situations that lead to housing instability, as well as financial counseling.

Those fleeing, or attempting to flee, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, Stalking, or Human Trafficking:

The unmet housing needs of this qualifying population include dedicated shelter beds, transitional housing, PSH, and safe affordable housing units. There are few emergency shelter options for women and youth that enable them to safely get out of the situation they are in. There are limited affordable housing options available for those seeking such units.

In terms of services, there is a need to expand trauma-informed case management and intake. There are limitations in the mental health and substance abuse network in providing both urgent and long-term care.

Other populations requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness and other populations at greatest risk of housing instability:

The unmet housing needs of other populations include units of any type (affordable or market rate) for those with physical disabilities, particularly seniors. Like the other QPs, there are not enough quality/safe affordable housing units and there are not enough landlords willing to accept vouchers or other rental assistance.

3.D. Identify any gaps within the current shelter and housing inventory as well as the service delivery system:

There are a number of gaps within the current shelter and housing inventory, as well as the service delivery system. They include:

- Lack of sufficient units of deeply affordable and safe housing;
- Lack of low-barrier, housing-focused shelters that individuals and families can access without pre-conditions or service participation;
- Insufficient supportive services, including on-site case management and wrap-around services including mental health and substance use treatment services;
- Lack of landlord engagement/education, incentives around enabling higher acceptance of housing vouchers;

Lack of sufficient units of deeply affordable and safe housing

Most providers shared concern about the lack of quality affordable housing in the City of Wichita. Most of the City's quality units are not affordable to many households below 30% AMI without causing severe cost burden to the household. Many of the jurisdiction's affordable units are dilapidated, unsafe, and offer substandard options.

Real incomes in the area have only increased slightly, not keeping up with the increase in housing costs and resulting in an increase in the need for affordable housing options for city residents. Between 2010 and 2020, the inflation-adjusted median housing value in Wichita increased by 4.2%, while the median gross rent (includes estimated utility costs) increased by 9.7%. During the same period, the inflation-adjusted median household income increased by 1.2%. This means that household incomes have not kept up with housing costs. As households must spend more on housing but with less real income, housing costs have become relatively more expensive. Nearly 42% of renter households and 16% of owner households in the City of Wichita are cost-burdened (paying more than 30% of their income towards housing costs).

Most of the jurisdiction's affordable units are dilapidated, unsafe, and substandard options. Replacement of dilapidated housing with quality housing is a necessity in the jurisdiction. There should either be encouragement to bring these units up to a safe and standard condition, or there should be a rapid replacement process for those that are demolished.

<u>Lack of low-barrier, housing-focused shelters that individuals and families can access without preconditions or service participation</u>

Providers working within the homeless system shared that one of the biggest challenges in the current system is the lack of a low-barrier, housing focused shelter. Most shelters in the city are at-capacity and usually have high-barriers around who can qualify to enter. The City's current emergency shelters have only 131 emergency shelter beds that can accommodate families and only 233 beds to accommodate adults only. The last time there was a full PIT count, the City identified nearly 690 individuals who were homeless. That total does not count the number of families couch surfing or living doubled up. If the available emergency shelter beds were made available to all the households counted as homeless by the school district, nearly half (47%) of those households will not have a safe place to go under the City's current shelter system.

<u>Insufficient supportive services, including on-site case management and wrap-around services including mental health and substance use treatment services</u>

Gaps within the service delivery system include the need for additional supportive services, especially on-site case management and wrap around services. Individuals who are experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, or living in unstable housing do not have a central place to go during the day to get the services that they need. There is a need for a Coordinated Entry System/ Navigation Center to act as a one-stop-shop for those in need. Providers identified a lack of mental health services, substance use treatment, transportation, and child care.

Following responses from the *Provider Survey* also highlight this issue:

"I oversee programs that assist the Wichita homeless population every day. I also serve as a member of the Continuum of Care Advisory Board. I have seen the state of the current shelters and watched the continual crumbling of case management (lack thereof). I have heard stories of how the system failed those who were housed and might have thrived if they had continued case management after they entered stable housing. There is a huge need for supportive housing for specific populations including those with mental health issues, single women (who are often victims of human trafficking and need supportive services), families who need longer-term shelter, and many more."

"In terms of services: **Case Management that both brings unhoused persons into housing and helps them maintain that housing with or without services is severely lacking in this community,** especially case managers that will work with the general homeless population (i.e., not tied to a specific population or agency program)."

"A large portion of those on the streets/emergency shelters that interact with police, EMS, fire, hospitals, jail, etc. are those with significant behavioral health issues. **Investment in targeted outreach and treatment access would have significant cost savings impact** as well as reduce angst with businesses."

<u>Lack of landlord engagement/education, incentives around enabling higher acceptance of housing</u> vouchers

Providers working with the homeless system shared that a critical challenge in the current system is a lack of enough willing landlords to accept the available Housing Choice Vouchers. Most landlords are skeptical of the process and resistant to work with the providers or rent to those coming from the homeless ecosystem. Some of their concerns are related to not having enough case management support once someone is placed in a unit, lengthy inspection process, and uncertainty around getting payments like rent, utilities or deposits on time.

There is a need to employ robust landlord engagement strategies and incentives to provide support and assurance for landlords in the city to work with the providers.

3.E. Under Section IV.4.2.ii.G of the HOME-ARP Notice, a PJ may provide additional characteristics associated with instability and increased risk of homelessness in their HOME-ARP allocation plan. These characteristics will further refine the definition of "other populations" that are "At Greatest Risk of Housing Instability," as established in the HOME-ARP Notice. If including these characteristics, identify them here:

Enter narrative response here.

3.F. Identify priority needs for qualifying populations:

Based on the feedback received through the consultation and public engagement processes, the following priority needs are identified for populations qualifying to benefit from HOME-ARP:

- 1. Non-Congregant, low-barrier, housing-focused shelter (Primarily serving QPs I and III)
- 2. Quality affordable housing for low-income residents and voucher holders (serving all QPs)
- 3. Supportive services, focusing on centralized and coordinated navigation and case management, but also including:
 - a. Trauma-informed supportive services (all four QPs).
 - b. Landlord-tenant liaison services to increase the number of landlords accepting rental vouchers (all four QPs).
 - c. Expanded case management (QP I and QP III).

- d. Expanded housing navigation services (all four QPs).
- e. Expanded mental health services (all four QPs).
- f. Outpatient services/substance abuse treatment services (all four QPs).
- g. Financial assistance to secure stable housing, rental application fees, security and utility deposits, and first/last month's rent (all four QPs).
- h. Transportation—gasoline vouchers, bus passes, etc. (QP I and QP III).
- i. Education services (all four QPs).

3.G. Explain how the PJ determined the level of need and gaps in the PJ's shelter and housing inventory and service delivery systems based on the data presented in the plan:

The level of need and gaps in the shelter and housing inventory and service delivery systems were determined based on statistical analysis of available data, consultation conversations, the provider survey, and follow-up session with providers.

The data was collected by the most recent Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) data, Continuum of Care Housing Inventory Count (HIC), personal consultation with community providers, 2021 and other historical PIC count, 2019-2024 Consolidated Plan, and Health Management Information Systems (HMIS).

The first step was to hold the consultations to hear what the providers thought were gaps and needs, including specific items such as number of case worker positions that were open, the number of shelter beds/units needed, how they would use the allocation should they be able to spend all of it, etc. Not all providers could give specific answers, but the data was used to confirm what was reported and provide guidance for follow-up questions and clarifications. The provider survey was used as an anonymous tool to quantify key needs and priorities. The survey and follow-up provider session helped prioritize needs for the purpose of this allocation plan. Then, the consultant team provided best practice case studies that apply to many of the priorities, which helped further define the overall funding priorities for this plan.

This process builds upon recent work by the City of Wichita, Sedgwick County, United Way (CoC lead), and the many provider partners to improve coordination, collaboration, data tracking, and other efforts. There are concurrent plans to launch a Homelessness Task Force, which will be tasked with creating a strategic plan, identifying funding needs, and prioritizing actions to better address the community's challenge. ProjectHOPE, funded through a Department of Justice grant, is working with downtown business owners and the homeless population to better address immediate needs, provide job training and employment opportunities, and to align different case management specialties (i.e., social work, recovery, financial literacy, housing navigation, and others). Sedgwick County is collaborating with the State of Kansas, University of Kansas Medical School, and Wichita State University to fund and staff a mental health and substance abuse treatment center as part of a new medical school campus downtown.

These efforts, and continued conversations and attention to the homelessness and at-risk issues, have identified gaps in the community and its homeless system of care response, many of which are reflected in this document.

4. **HOME-ARP** Activities

4.A. Describe the method(s)that will be used for soliciting applications for funding and/or selecting developers, service providers, subrecipients and/or contractors:

The city proposes to use the acquired HOME-ARP funding to develop a single project that includes non-congregate shelter, affordable housing units, and coordinated supportive services in the form of a Navigation Center. Given this unique approach and the potential availability of other funding sources, the city wishes to acquire a site, develop the facility, and maintain ownership. It will seek a developer/general contractor partner, management partner to operate the affordable housing units, and operator partner to operate the non-congregate shelter. Presently, the city anticipates that it will operate the Navigation Center. HOME-ARP funds will be available to underwrite supportive services that support the facility, but are provided by an organization other than the city.

Should this development not become feasible within one year, a NOFO will be issued making the funds available to any non-congregate low-barrier shelter, affordable housing units, and/or supportive services, including, but not limited to, case management, outreach, peer support, and housing navigation.

The opportunity presented by this allocation of HOME-ARP to make the sizable investment to fulfill a long-term solution is vital to strengthening the community's homeless system of care. It should be noted that the City desires to co-locate any navigation operations with mental health and substance abuse services. Thus, should Sedgwick County proceed with its planned facility, the City will coordinate to include homelessness navigation services in that facility.

The City of Wichita will administer the HOME-ARP allocation and oversee all projects to completion. The method and process we intend to use for solicitation and selection of projects

for funding is as follows:

- The City will issue separate Requests for Proposals (RFPs) for 1) a general contractor or developer partner to help construct the facility, 2) a management company to manage the affordable housing units, 3) an operator for the non-congregate shelter, and 4) supportive services to serve any of the QPs at the new facility. The RFPs will specify that we are seeking partners to help operate a single project that includes non-congregate low-barrier shelters and affordable housing units, as well as a Navigation Center to house supportive services to serve any of the QPs.
- Should no qualifying proposals be received within one year, a NOFO will be issued to fund multiple projects within supportive services, non-congregate shelter, and affordable housing units
- We will issue the RFPs and request that applicants inform the City of their intent to apply within 30 days of the issuance of the RFPs.
- Applicants will be provided 90 days to submit their full application for funding.
- If applicants have questions or wish to discuss their plans in advance of submission, the City of Wichita will make staff available to answer any questions.
- The City will provide background information about what is expected to meet the low-barrier and housing-focused criteria.
- The solicitation with any other conditions that the City will require to receive funding. For
 Supportive Services, based on feedback received from the initial public participation and
 stakeholder engagement, as well as additional public comments we expect to receive in regard
 to the draft Allocation Plan, the City will identify in the solicitation specific supportive services
 that HOME-ARP funding can be used for that will address the gaps identified in the needs
 assessment and gaps analysis (for example, programs that enhance case management, housing
 navigation, outreach, and transportation)
- The City will publicly announce the projects that were awarded HOME-ARP funding on its website, on Facebook, and through other social media.

4.B. Describe whether the PJ will administer eligible activities directly:

The City of Wichita is proposing to use most of the HOME-ARP funds to acquire and/or develop a single facility that will include non-congregate shelter and affordable housing units, as well as a Navigation Center. A portion of the funds will be reserved for supportive services that outside organizations can apply for. The City of Wichita will administer the HOME-ARP grant funding process and compliance. Subrecipients will administer ongoing supportive services.

4.C. If any portion of the PJ's HOME-ARP administrative funds are provided to a subrecipient or contractor prior to HUD's acceptance of the HOME-ARP allocation plan because the subrecipient or contractor is responsible for the administration of the PJ's entire HOME-ARP grant, identify the subrecipient or contractor and describe its role and responsibilities in administering all of the PJ's HOME-ARP program:

The city will not allocate funds to a subrecipient or contractor to administer the HOME-ARP grant.

4.D. Use of HOME-ARP Funding

	Funding Amount	Percent of the Grant	Statutory Limit
Supportive Services	\$ 500,000		
Acquisition and Development of Non- Congregate Shelters	\$ 2,000,000		
Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	\$ 0		
Development of Affordable Rental Housing	\$ 2,182,117		
Non-Profit Operating	\$ 0	0 %	5%
Non-Profit Capacity Building	\$ 0	0 %	5%
Administration and Planning	\$ 826,255	15 %	15%
Total HOME ARP Allocation	\$ 5,508,372		

4.D.i. Describe how the PJ will distribute HOME-ARP funds in accordance with its priority needs identified in its needs assessment and gap analysis:

The City will issue RFPs to identify partners to support the construction and operations of a single project that includes non-congregate shelter, affordable housing units, and supportive services within a Navigation Center, and will specify the provisions of the HOME-ARP program therein. Any applications that do not meet those specific provisions will not be funded.

Should the city-developed single facility or project not become feasible within one year, the City will issue a NOFO making funds available for multiple projects and proposals for supportive services, noncongregate shelter, and/or affordable housing units. The City will provide a scoring benefit in its NOFO process for non-congregate shelter projects that serve the needs of QP III, as well as women who are within QP I but not QP III. The City will also provide a scoring benefit for affordable housing unit proposals that leverage additional funding mechanisms and/or include housing for the QPs in mixed-income developments.

4.D.ii. Describe how the characteristics of the shelter and housing inventory, service delivery system, and the needs identified in the gap analysis provided a rationale for the plan to fund eligible activities:

There are no low-barrier shelter options of any kind that serve women, including non-congregate shelter, which is why this activity is prioritized. The substantial lack of landlords willing to accept vouchers, evidenced by the number of vouchers issued (137) for which recipients cannot find suitable housing, coupled with the lack of safe affordable housing support the prioritization of affordable housing units for all QPs. The number of open case manager positions in the provider network, low number of housing navigators, limited outreach capacity, and fact that some organizations are not operating at capacity due to staffing shortages supports the need for support service funding.

5. HOME-ARP Production Housing Goals

5.A. Estimate the number of affordable rental housing units for qualifying populations that the PJ will produce or support with its HOME-ARP allocation:

The City estimates that up to 20 non-congregate units and 40 affordable housing units will be added to the current inventory with the support of HOME-ARP funds. The City anticipates that

other funding sources will also be used in the projects, including the potential use of state funds, LIHTC awards, and others.

		RP Rental Housing (#1)	HOME-ARP Rental Housing Project (#2)		
Housing characteristics required by the qualifying populations					
Qualifying populations targeted for HOME-ARP rental housing (average household size)	Singles		Small fa	amilies	
Average household size		1		3	
Unit size needed (number of bedrooms)	1		2		
Ameni ties					
HOME-ARP Funding					
To tal amount of HOME-ARP funding allocated to jurisdiction	\$	5,508,372.00	\$	5,508,372.00	
Amount of HOME-ARP expected to be used for admin, NFP operating and capacity building	\$	826,255.00	\$	826,255.00	
Amount of HOME-ARP available for HOME-ARP eligible activities	\$	4,682,117.00	\$	4,682,117.00	
Amount of HOME-ARP allocated to non-rental housing eligible activities	\$	2,500,000.00	\$	2,500,000.00	
Amount of HOME-ARP available for rental housing operations and reserves	\$	1,182,117.00	\$	1,000,000.00	
Estimated amount for ongoing operating costs or operating cost assistance reserve	\$	118,211.70	\$	100,000.00	
Amount of HOME-ARP available for rental housing development	\$	1,063,905.30	\$	900,000.00	
Estimated amount from other housing development funding sources					
Total amount available for rental housing development	\$	1,063,905.30	\$	900,000.00	
Average per unit development costfor qualifying population	\$	50,000.00	\$	50,000.00	
Estimated HOME-ARP Housing Production Goal		21		18	
Narrative: Use the area below to document the assumptions used in this worksheet. This will assist with the			-		
development of the required narrative in the allocation plan.					

Administration reserved at 15% of grant amount. Estimated amount for ongoing operating costs is 10%. The per unit development cost is estimated at \$50,000 because it is anticipated that applicants will leverage other sources, such as LIHTCs (9% or 4%), HOME funds, or other sources to make a project feasible.

5.B. Describe the specific affordable rental housing production goal that the PJ hopes to achieve and describe how the production goal will address the PJ's priority needs:

The City is in significant need of affordable rental housing units, evidenced by the inability of 137 voucher-holders to find affordable housing units, the 3,131-name wait list for Housing Choice Vouchers, and the reported difficulty in finding households suitable affordable housing units during the consultations. Further, the City of Wichita recognized the need for affordable rental housing production by earmarking \$5 million of ARPA funds to seed an Affordable Housing Fund, which was established in April 2022. Housing cost burden remains a substantial challenge in the community, especially for renters and the at-risk population. Producing additional affordable housing units will help provide stable housing options that are currently lacking, and will directly address the need for units cited in the consultations, as well as indicated by the needs and gaps analysis.

6. Preferences

6.A. Identify whether the PJ intends to give preference to one or more qualifying populations or a subpopulation within one or more qualifying populations for any eligible activity or project:

As previously described, the city is prioritizing a single project that it will develop that includes supportive services in a Navigation Center, non-congregate shelter units, and affordable housing units. This prioritization will be eliminated in one year if no acceptable proposals are received.

The City intends to give preference to non-congregate shelter operations that serve women, either as a subset of QP I or as part of QP III. The facility will be designed to serve all QPs by designating a portion of the facility for women in a secure manner, and serving other QPs in a separate wing. Proposals with a higher share or full share of units for women will be given scoring preference. No preferences will be established for affordable housing units.

The City will stipulate an affordability period of at least 15 years for affordable housing unit production.

6.B. If a preference was identified, explain how the use of a preference or method of prioritization will address the unmet need or gap in benefits and services received by individuals and families in the qualifying population or subpopulation of qualifying population, consistent with the PJ's needs assessment and gap analysis:

Non-congregate shelter for women (QP I and QP III) is given preference because of the lack of low-barrier supply of existing beds/unit for that population, the need for safe environments for that population, the fact that women are more vulnerable to trauma because of the lack of shelter, and because organizations are placing individuals and families in hotels rooms as shelter because no other options exist.

7. Referral Methods

7.A. Identify the referral methods that the PJ intends to use for its HOME-ARP projects and activities. PJ's may use multiple referral methods in its HOME-ARP program. (Optional):

The City will issue guidance in its RFPs regarding serving all populations. For the sheltered, unsheltered, and at risk of homelessness populations, the City will recommend use of the Coordinated Entry System (CES), which assesses homeless and at-risk status of each individual or household to determine program eligibility. CE will also work with the funded noncongregate shelters to secure permanent housing placements for each individual or household served. For those requiring services or housing assistance to prevent homelessness, and those at greatest risk of housing instability or unsuitable housing situations who may fall outside CES, the City will utilize its 211 system to provide referrals to participating agencies to determine eligibility.

7.B. If the PJ intends to use the coordinated entry (CE) process established by the CoC, describe whether all qualifying populations eligible for a project or activity will be included

in the CE process, or the method by which all qualifying populations eligible for the project or activity will be covered. (Optional):

All QPs will be included in the CE process, although subsets of some QPs, particularly QP IV and QP III, may fall outside of the CES because they do not traditionally meet the definition of homeless or seek the services that are covered by the CES. Those households will be referred through the 211 system.

7.C. If the PJ intends to use the CE process established by the CoC, describe the method of prioritization to be used by the CE. (Optional):

The CE system will be used to identify women as a subset of QP I and QP III that also qualify for non-congregate shelter units. No other methods of prioritization will be used.

7.D If the PJ intends to use both a CE process established by the CoC and another referral method for a project or activity, describe any method of prioritization between the two referral methods, if any. (Optional):

As calls for assistance come through the 211 system and through local partners who serve qualifying populations who are not served by CES (e.g., the school district identifies families experiencing housing instability who are couch surfing or doubled up, therefore ineligible for assistance through CES), referrals for supportive services and non-congregate shelter will be made to the HOME-ARP projects. The HOME-ARP service providers will develop waiting lists from those referrals, documenting the date households presented for assistance, whether through CES or 211, to determine the first-come first-serve order at their locations.

8. Limitations in a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project

8.A. Describe whether the PJ intends to limit eligibility for a HOME-ARP rental housing or NCS project to a particular qualifying population or specific subpopulation of a qualifying population identified in section IV.A of the Notice:

The City will not impose any limitations.

- 8.B. If a PJ intends to implement a limitation, explain why the use of a limitation is necessary to address the unmet need or gap in benefits and services received by individuals and families in the qualifying population or subpopulation of qualifying population, consistent with the PJ's needs assessment and gap analysis:

 Not applicable.
- 8.C. If a limitation was identified, describe how the PJ will address the unmet needs or gaps in benefits and services of the other qualifying populations that are not included in the limitation through the use of HOME-ARP funds (i.e., through another of the PJ's HOME-ARP projects or activities):

Not applicable.

9. HOME-ARP Refinancing Guidelines

If the PJ intends to use HOME-ARP funds to refinance existing debt secured by multifamily rental housing that is being rehabilitated with HOME-ARP funds, the PJ must state its HOME-ARP refinancing guidelines in accordance with 24 CFR 92.206(b). The guidelines must describe the conditions under with the PJ will refinance existing debt for a HOME-ARP rental project, including:

• Establish a minimum level of rehabilitation per unit or a required ratio between rehabilitation and refinancing to demonstrate that rehabilitation of HOME-ARP rental housing is the primary eligible activity

The City will not use HOME-ARP funds to refinance any existing debt.

 Require a review of management practices to demonstrate that disinvestment in the property has not occurred; that the long-term needs of the project can be met; and that the feasibility of serving qualified populations for the minimum compliance period can be demonstrated.

Not applicable.

- State whether the new investment is being made to maintain current affordable units, create additional affordable units, or both.

 Not applicable.
- Specify the required compliance period, whether it is the minimum 15 years or longer. Not applicable.
- State that HOME-ARP funds cannot be used to refinance multifamily loans made or insured by any federal program, including CDBG.
 Not applicable.
- Other requirements in the PJ's guidelines, if applicable: Not applicable.

Mickelson compliments McIlroy as rhetoric seems to simmer

BY TIM REYNOLDS Associated Press

DORAL, FLA.

The back-and-forth between Phil Mickelson and Rory McIlroy continued Wednesday, with the rhetoric tuned down considerably from some past verbal jousting involving PGA Tour players and those who left for Saudifunded LIV Golf.

Mickelson complimented McIlroy for his win last week, those remarks coming a day after The Guardian published an interview in which McIlroy - nowthe world's No. 1 player again — said the game isn't benefiting from all the acrimony between the sides.

"I see LIV Golf trending upwards, I see the PGA Tour trending downwards and I love the side that I'm on," Mickelson said two weeks ago in Saudi Arabia, the seventh of the eight stops on this season's inaugural LIV schedule.

But Wednesday, in advance of the LIV finale at Trump National Doral, Mickelson's tone was a bit softer: "Maybe I shouldn't have said stuff like that, I don't know," he said.

"If I'm just looking at LIV Golf and where we are today to where we were six, seven months ago and people are saying this is dead in the water, and we're past that," Mickelson continued. "Here we are today, a force in the game that's not going away."

Part of Mickelson's word choice there wasn't accidental. McIlroy made the "dead in the water" comment in February, around the time that Dustin Johnson and Bryson DeChambeau said they would re-



Kevin Na, center, speaks during a news conference for the LIV Golf Team Championship at Trump National Doral Golf Club on Wednesday in Doral, Fla. At left is Phil Mickelson and at right is Martin Kaymer.

main with the PGA Tour. They both left for LIV anyway, lured by signing

bonuses reportedly worth in excess of \$100 million. Johnson has earned about \$31 million more in LIV prize money heading into this weekend's finale.

McIlroy has made no secret about his feelings toward LIV and the decisions players made to change tours.

"This 'us versus them' thing has gotten way out of control already," McIlroy told The Guardian. "If the two entities keep doubling down in both directions, it is only going to become irreparable. We are going to have a fractured sport for a long time. That is no good for anyone."

McIlroy returned to No. 1 in the world this past weekend by winning the CJ Cup in South Carolina. Mickelson called it "a great win" and "an impressive victory."

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Allocation Plan Notice of Public Comment Period

Notice of Virtual Public Information Session Notice of Virtual Hobit Information Session
Notice of In-Person Public Information Session
Notice of Public Hearing
The City of Wichita has been awarded \$5,508,372 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program-American Rescue Plan Act (HOME-ARP) funding. This funding

must be utilized to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations. The City has developed a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, which identifies activities to be funded and undertaken, and proposes a substantial amendment to its 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan in order to include the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. The proposed

HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will be available for public review beginning October 28, 2022 through December 5, 2022. The proposed plan will be available at City Hall, all Neighborhood Resource Centers, the Advanced Learning Library, as well as the Ford Rockwell, Lionel Alford, Westlink, and Maya Angelou branch libraries. The proposed plan will also be available at the City of Wichita's Houselink.

ing and Community Services Department's first floor desk at City Hall, 455 N. Main, Wichita, Kansas, 67202. The proposed plan can also be viewed online at: https://www.wichita.gov/Housing/Pages/CommunityInvestments.aspx. Comments regarding the proposed HOME-ARP allocation plan must be received by midnight, December 5, 2022, and can be submitted by mail to City of Wichita

Housing and Community Services Department, 455 N. Main, 10th Floor, Wichita, Kansas, 67202, by telephone at 316-462-3734, or by e-mail to communityhousing@wichita.gov or mstanberry@wichita.gov. A virtual public information ses-

sion regarding the proposed plan is scheduled to be held Tuesday, November 1, at 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM. Please contact Logan Bradshaw at 316-462-3725,

or at Ibradshaw@wichita.gov for instructions regarding access to this virtual meeting. An in-person public information session regarding the proposed plan is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, at the Advanced Learning Library,

711 W. 2 nd Street, Wichita, Kansas, 67203, at 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM. There will be a public hearing on this matter during the City Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2022 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 455 N. Main, Wichita, Kansas, 67202. The meeting will begin at 9:00 AM. Oral comments

can be made at the meeting. Individuals who require auxiliary aids and services for effective communication with City of Wichita personnel should contact the Office of the City Manager, 316-268-2468 as soon as possible, but no later than

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(_____)Published in The Wichita Eagle, Thursday, October 27, 2022.

FORMAL BID - 220296

Sealed bids will be received in the

Sealed bids will be received in the office of the City Purchasing Manager, 12th Floor, City Hall, 455 North Main, Wichita, Kansas, prior to TEN O'CLOCK A.M., FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2022. "Request For Formal Bid form MUST be used to submit your

bid unless you are submitting your bid on our website at (https://selfservice.

wichita.gov) using your secure login/ password: PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITES DEPART-

MENT / FLEET & FACILITIES DIVISION 33,000 GVWR Regular Cab and

Chassis w/Felling Grapple
AS PER SPECIFICATIONS

F.O.B. – Wichita, Kansas Bids will be opened after ten o'clock a.m., in the Board Room, 1st Floor, City

Hall, 455 North Main, Wichita, Kansas Specifications and bid forms are on

file in the office of the City Purchasing Manager, 12th Floor, City Hall, 455 N. Main, Wichita, Kansas 67202, (316)

268-4636. This information may also be obtained on our website above. A PRE-BID CONFERENCE Due to the

ongoing pandemic conditions this meeting will only be held through writ-

ten questions, clarifications, or modifi-cations submitted to Jason Brogden,

Senior Buyer, at jbrogden@wichita. gov no later than Thursday, November

Dated at Wichita, Kansas this 25th day of October, 2022. Melinda A. Walker

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to Jason Brogden, Senior Buyer, at jbrogden@wichita.gov no later than

3:00 P. M.,

ON
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2022

THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING
WILL BE TO REVIEW REQUIREMENTS

AND SPECIFICATIONS CONTAINED

IN THIS BID PACKAGE AND TO COR-

RECT ANY ERRORS OR TO MAKE

ANY NECESSARY CHANGES.

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BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS
In the Matter of the Application of Pantera Energy Company, for an Order Authorizing the Unitization and Unit Operation of the Many Creeks Morrow Unit to be located in Grant County, Kansas Docket No. 23-CONS-3107-CUNI

CONSERVATION DIVISION License No. 35681 NOTICE OF APPLICATION

TO: ALL OIL AND GAS OPERATORS, PRODUCERS AND LESSEES, OIL AND GAS LESSORS AND ROYALTY OWNERS, MINERAL INTEREST OWNERS, LAND-OWNERS, OVERRIDING ROYALTY INTEREST OWNERS, OTHER OWNERS OF OIL AND GAS INTERESTS, MORTGAGEES OF OIL AND GAS INTERESTS, AND ALL OTHER PERSONS CONCERNED:

You and each of you are hereby notified that Pantera Energy Company ("Pantera") has filed an Application with the Kansas Corporation Commission ("Commission") pursuant to K.S.A. 55-1301, et seq., seeking an order authorizing the unitization and unit operation of the Many Creeks Morrow Unit ("Unit"). The area of the proposed Unit, which will be operated by Pantera, includes the following described lands situated in Grant County, Kansas:

Township 30 South, Range 35 West Township 29 South, Range 35 West Section 2: W/2 SW/4 Section 3: E/2; NW/4 Section 10: E/2 NE/4

Pantera proposes to unitize the oil rights to a pool within the Morrow 'B' and Morrow 'C' formations underlying said lands. The stratigraphic equivalent of the top and bottom of said formations is shown to exist between the depths measured from surface of 5,278' and 5,316' in the type log for the Ahern HJV 'A' 2 well (API No. 15-067-21488). Pantera intends to conduct enhanced oil recovery operations within said pool in order to increase the recovery of oil reserves, and will allocate oil production from the Unit across eleven separate tracts on a fair, reasonable and equitable basis.

The Application is pending with the Commission. Any persons who object or protest to the granting of the Application shall be required to file their objections or protests in writing with the Commission within 15 days after the date of this publication. If a written protest is not timely filed, the Application may be determined administratively by the Commission and may thereby be granted without hearing or further notice to any interested party. All objections and protests shall clearly state the reasons why granting the Application will cause waste, violate correlative rights, or pollute water resources. Objections or protests shall be mailed to the Kansas Corporation Commission, Conservation Division, 266 N. Main St., Ste. 220, Wichita, KS 67202, with a copy to Pantera's attorneys listed below. All parties in any way interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and govern themselves accordingly.

Jonathan A. Schlatter, #24848

MORRIS LAING EVANS BROCK

& KENNEDY, CHTD.

300 N. Mead, Suite 200 Wichita, KS 67202-2745 Office (316) 262-2671 Fax (316) 262-6226 nev for Pantera IPL0095222 Oct 27 2022

In the Matter of the Application of Mustang Energy Corporation for a well location exception for its Steckline #2 to be located in the SE/4 of 35-11S-19W Ellis

the SE/4 of 35-11S-19W Ellis
County, Kansas.
Docket No. 23-CONS-3113CWLE
CONSERVATION DIVISION
License No. 33922
NOTICE OF PENDING

ers, Royalty Owners, Land Owners, and All Persons Whatsoever concerned:

at a location 2345 feet from the South line and 1671 feet from the East line in the SE/4 of 35-11S-19W Ellis County, written protest is received by the State Corporation Commission within 15 days after publication of this Notice,

All parties in any wise interested or concerned shall take notice of the foregoing and govern themselves ac-

Michael J. Baxter, #26459 P.O. Box 128, Hays, KS 67601 (785) 628-8226

Attorney for Mustang Energy Corpo-IPL0095713

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OFFICIAL HEARING NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, November 17, 2022, no earlier than 1:30 p.m., the WichitaSedgwick County

Metropolitan Area Planning Commission/Board Zoning Appeals will consider the following applications. The meeting will be held at the Ronald Reagan Building, 271 West Third Street, 2nd Floor, Wichita, KS 67202. Public participation may also occur through virtual methods (specified at the end of this notice). If you have any questions regarding the meeting or items on this notice, please call the WichitaSedgwick County Metropolitan Area Planning Department at (316) 2684421. CUP2022-00049: Request in the City for a minor amendment to Parcels 29 & 30 of the Ridge Plaza CUP DP-37 (with ZON2022-00059 for OW Office Warehouse) on property zoned LC Limited Commercial; generally located north of W. Kellogg, one-quarter mile west of S. Eisenhower Pkwy, between S. Woodchuck and S. Holland. DER2022-00008: Community Investments Plan Update of population forecast, Wichita Future Growth Concept Map, and

DER2022-00009: Amendment to the Wichita-Sedgwick County Unified Zoning Code regarding the definitions of a "Day Care, General" and "Day Care, Limited", and number of pupils, employees and loading spaces to conform to state regu-

PUD2022-00021: Zone change request in the City from LC Limited Commercial, GO General Office, and TF-3 Two-Family Residential to create the Hunter Health Planned Unit Development to expand the existing medical use; generally located on the northwest corner of East Central Avenue and North Grove Street.

VAC2022-00032: Reprocessing a request in the City to vacate an alley right-of-way abutting property zoned LC Limited Commercial District, generally located northeast of North Meridian Avenue and Kellogg.

VAC2022-00033: Request in the City to vacate a platted alley right-of-way abutting property zoned GO General Office District and TF-3 Two-Family Residential District; generally located on the northeast corner of East Central Avenue and North Grove Street.

Norm Grove Street.

ZON2022-00057: Zone change request in the City to amend Protective Overlay PO #257 to permit duplexes on property zoned B Multi-Family Residential; generally located North of West Maple Street and South of West Douglas Avenue, on the east side of South Anna Street (230 South Anna Street).

ZON2022-00058: Zone change request in the City from SF-5 Single-Family Residential District to TF-3 Two-Family Res-

idential District; generally located within one-half mile west of North Arkansas Ave, within one block north of West 21st Street North (2331 North Burns). ZON2022-00059: Zone change request in the City from LC Limited Commercial to OW Office Warehouse (with CUP2022-00049 to amend CUP DP-37) on property generally located north of West Kellogg, within one-half mile west of South Eisenhower Pkwy, between South Woodchuck Lane and South Holland Lane.

Complete legal descriptions are available for public inspection at the Metropolitan Area Planning Department, 271 W. Third St., 2nd Floor, Wichita, Kansas 67202. As provided in Section V of the WichitaSedgwick County Unified Zoning Code, the same will then and there be discussed and considered by the said MAPC, and all persons interested in said matters will be heard at this time concerning their views and wishes in the premises, and any protest against any of the provisions of the proposed changes to the zoning regulations will be considered by the MAPC as by law provided.

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271 W. 3rd Street - Suite 201 Wichita, KS 67202 Phone 316.268.4421 Fax 316.858.7764 WITNESS MY HAND on October 27, 2022 Scott Wadle, Secretary WichitaSedgwick County
Metropolitan Area Planning Commission IPL0095390 Oct 27 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE Substantial Amendment to 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan HOME Investment Partnerships Program – American Rescue Plan Act

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APPLICATION
The state corporation commission of

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YOU, and each of you, are hereby notified that Mustang Energy Corporation, has filed an Application with the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas requesting a location exception and allowable for the Steckline #2 well located oil well Kansas, which is the unit boundary. YOU, are further notified that unless the Application in this matter can be granted by administrative approval after said 15-day period. Any such protest should be mailed to the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas, Conservation Division, 266 North Main, Room 220, Wichita, KS 67202, and to the Applicant at the ad-

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LEGAL PUBLICATION PUBLIC NOTICE

Substantial Amendment to 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan HOME Investment Partnerships Program - American Rescue Plan Act Allocation Plan

Notice of Public Comment Period Notice of Virtual Public Information Session

Notice of In-Person Public Information Session Notice of Public Hearing The City of Wichita has been awarded \$5,508,372 in HOME Investment Partnerships Program-American Rescue Plan Act (HOME-ARP) funding. This funding must be utilized to provide housing, services, and shelter to individuals experiencing homelessness and other vulnerable populations. The City has developed a HOME-ARP Allocation Plan, which identifies activities to be funded and undertaken, and proposes a substantial amendment to its 2021-2022 Annual Action Plan in order to include the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan. The proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan will be available for public review beginning October 28, 2022 through December 5, 2022. The proposed plan will be available at City Hall, all Neighborhood Resource Centers, the Advanced Learning Library, as well as the Ford Rockwell, Lionel Alford, Westlink, and Maya Angelou branch libraries. The proposed plan will also be available at the City of Wichita's Housing and Community Services Department's first floor desk at City Hall, 455 N. Main, Wichita, Kansas, 67202. The proposed plan can also be viewed online at: https://www.wichita.gov/Housing/Pages/CommunityInvestments.aspx. Comments regarding the proposed HOME-ARP allocation plan must be received by midnight, December 5, 2022, and can be submitted by mail to City of Wichita Housing and Community Services Department, 455 N. Main, 10th Floor, Wichita, Kansas, 67202, by telephone at 316-462-3734, or by e-mail to communityhousing@wichita.gov or mstanberry@wichita.gov. A virtual public information session regarding the proposed plan is scheduled to be held Tuesday, November 1, at 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM. Please contact Logan Bradshaw at 316-462-3725, or at Ibradshaw@wichita.gov for instructions regarding access to this virtual meeting. An in-person public information session regarding the proposed plan is scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, at the Advanced Learning Library, 711 W. 2 nd Street, Wichita, Kansas, 67203, at 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM. There will be a public hearing on this matter during the City Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 6, 2022 in the City Council Chambers at City Hall, 455 N. Main, Wichita, Kansas, 67202. The meeting will begin at 9:00 AM. Oral comments can be made at the meeting. Individuals who require auxiliary aids and services for effective communication with City of Wichita personnel should contact the Office of the City Manager, 316-268-2468 as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event or appearance. IPL0095334

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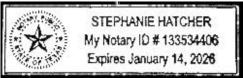
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Quoted Community Engagement Feedback - HOME-ARP In Person Information Session Wednesday, November 16, 2022 Advance Learning Library

Meeting Recording: YouTube Link or https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-FzL4DnZvOA&list=PPSV



Community Connections Consulting Services, LLC (C3S) is providing the following summation of public comments capture during the in-person public information session regarding the p proposed HOME-ARP Allocation Plan that took place on Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at the Advanced Learning Library, 711 W. 2nd Street, Wichita, Kansas, 67203. Following a plan overview conducted by Mr. Andy Pfister of Development Strategies, Angeline F. Johnson of C3S facilitated a working session with those in attendance designed to solicit public perspective on the following three (3) key considerations:

Question 1: Do you agree with the focus on a single project that provides a navigation center, non-

congregate shelter, and affordable housing units? Why or why not?

Question 2: Are there priority needs around homelessness and housing insecurity that this plan does

not address?

Question 3: Do you agree with the distribution of funds among supportive services, non-congregate

shelter, and affordable housing? If not, how should the funds be allocated?

Attendee feedback to the above listed questions as well as an additional question posed pertaining to the appropriateness of City of Wichita ownership of the proposed facility has been captured below.

QUOTED ATTENDEE FEEDBACK

Question 1: Do you agree with the focus on a single project that provides a navigation center, non-congregate shelter, and affordable housing units? Why or why not?

Attendee Quoted Feedback:

- "Unanimous agreement on #1"
- "Yes on all Best practices in San Antonio and Dallas has shown success. Our gap in Wichita is shelter for women, and housing that will take housing vouchers. Navigation center is also a gap."



- "Good to have everything."
- "Housing can be separate"
- "I can see a need for a navigation center but not sure how a non-congregate shelter works."

Attendee Follow-Up Question(s):

- "How many people are we trying to serve?"
- "Would you separate mental health/families? Sex offenders?"

Question 2: Are there priority needs around homelessness and housing insecurity that this plan does not address?

Attendee Quoted Feedback:

- "This plan does not address a major factor which is substance abuse and mental illness. But I understand we can use it for that."
- "Accessible, affordable housing"
 - o "Evictions"
 - o "Disabilities"
 - o "Designed for those in poverty"
- "Have tons of affordable housing"
 - o "not accessible"
 - "18-24 year olds no established credit"
- "Mental health/substance abuse"
 - o "Inpatient beds"

Attendee Follow-Up Question(s):

- "Would housing for mentally ill provide supervision and treatment?"
- "If the largest population is mentally ill, is some access to treatment part of the picture?"

Question 3: Do you agree with the distribution of funds among supportive services, non-congregate shelter, and affordable housing? If not, how should the funds be allocated?

Attendee Quoted Feedback:

- "I agree w/ using the funds in this manner because it is addressing major gaps."
- "Not going to get it done with these numbers."
- "This is not enough money for this proposal. The City needs to partner w/ someone for funding."

Attendee Follow-Up Question(s): N/A



Additional Quoted Comments/Questions

- "No, the government should not build and/or run it will be slow and uncontrollable to design providers need to make those choices."
- "I think colleagues would say different things because not every provider has experiences with certain aspects of homelessness."
- "I agree with City development, but another agency run."
- "Who besides the City has the capability to develop such a facility?"
- "Are there enough vacant houses to provide permanent housing to all the homeless?"

This document captures all provided written feedback for the hosted public comment event that occurred on Wednesday, November 16, 2022.

Please feel free to contact C3S if there are any questions or comments regarding this summary.

Submitted by,

Angeline F. Johnson, Founder & CEO

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Community Connections Consulting Services, LLC



1. Do you agree with the focus on a single project that provides a navigation center, non-congregate shelter, and affordable housing units? Why or why not?

We will add your ideas, comments, questions, and concerns here!

Navigation in one central area is extremally important. People often get lost while navigating all the resources available.

\$500k is not enough to get a Navigation Center started.

Consider either
Riverside Hospital
as potential site for
affordable housing
option.

2. Are there priority needs around homelessness and housing insecurity that this plan does not address?

Include those that have felonies and/or sex offenses in their backgrounds

"Inpatient
Treatment for
substance abuse"
which is 3-6 months
waiting for
uninsured is a big
gap in the
community

Need landlord dollars to incentivize participation for when their units are damaged.

Skill building is one of the basic blocks to help them succeed.

Money should be deferred to USD 259 to teach future adults on how to be a person that has an apartment first and works toward home ownership.

We will add your ideas, comments, questions, and concerns here!

The hope is to get people stabilized enough that they are able to graduate from NCS and set goals for themselves.

3. Do you agree with the distribution of funds among supportive services, non-congregate

shelter, and affordable housing? If not, how should the funds be allocated?

We will add your ideas, comments, questions, and concerns here!

\$2,000,000 Non-congregate shelter \$500,000 Supportive Servives

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I think support services is a little low. Most coming into this will need some kind of support I would think.

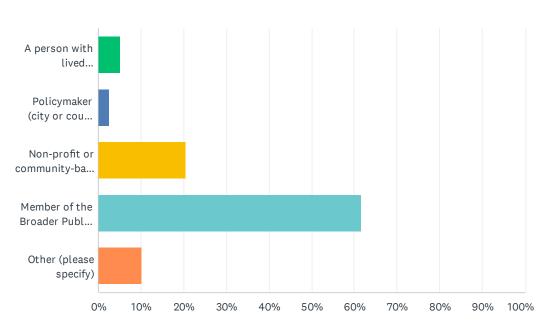
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should be

Is there some kind of transition plan for people to start small and build up to paying rent?

Q1 Please select the best category that describes you.

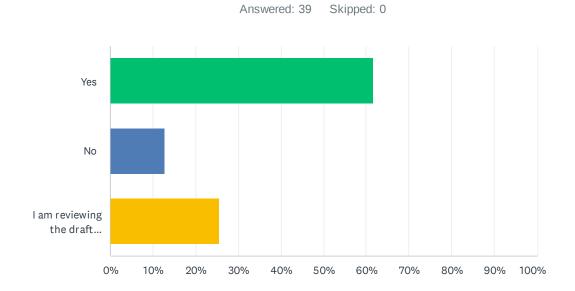




ANSWER CHOICES		RESPONSES	
A person with lived experience of homelessness (current, recent, or formerly homeless)	5.13%	2	
Policymaker (city or county official, committee member, other government representative, etc.)	2.56%	1	
Non-profit or community-based organization (homeless, housing, civil rights, LGBTQ+, etc.)	20.51%	8	
Member of the Broader Public (resident, neighbor association, etc.)	61.54%	24	
Other (please specify)	10.26%	4	
TOTAL		39	

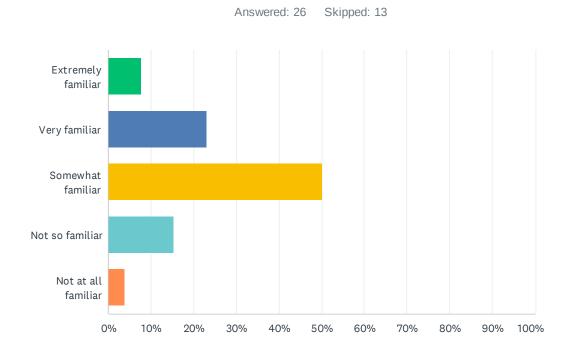
#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Wichita resident	11/24/2022 11:14 PM
2	Retired Social Welfare; member of the Brethren church which has a strong social justice/advocacy focus; mother of an adult son who suffered with schizophrenia and lack of adequate housing at times; member of NAMI (National Alliance for Mental Illness)	11/23/2022 4:25 PM
3	Member of Broader Public who has had personal dealings with homeless people	11/23/2022 3:21 PM
4	SPC service coordinator	11/1/2022 4:58 PM

Q2 Did you review the draft Allocation Plan before completing this survey?



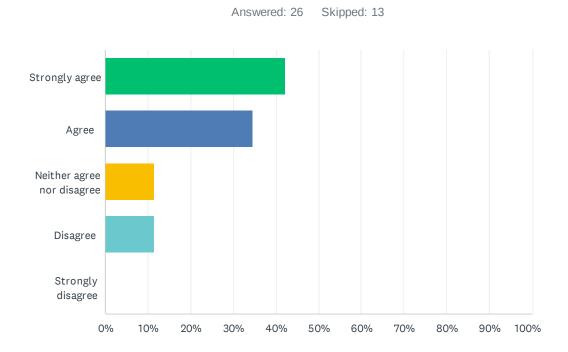
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	61.54%	24
No	12.82%	5
I am reviewing the draft Allocation Plan while completing the survey	25.64%	10
TOTAL		39

Q3 Are you familiar with the current funding sources available in the City of Wichita as listed in 3.B of the Allocation Plan?



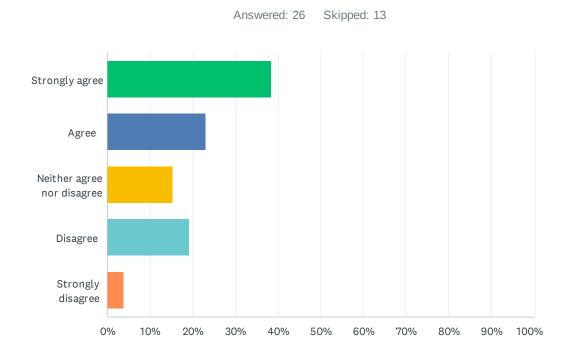
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Extremely familiar	7.69%	2
Very familiar	23.08%	6
Somewhat familiar	50.00%	13
Not so familiar	15.38%	4
Not at all familiar	3.85%	1
TOTAL		26

Q4 Do you agree with the City's decision to focus the acquired HOME-ARP funding on a single project that includes non-congregate shelter, affordable housing units, and coordinated supportive services in the form of a Navigation Center as detailed in 4.D.i of the Allocation Plan?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	42.31%	11
Agree	34.62%	9
Neither agree nor disagree	11.54%	3
Disagree	11.54%	3
Strongly disagree	0.00%	0
TOTAL		26

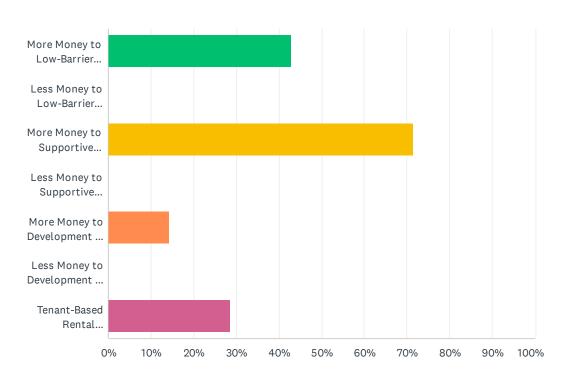
Q5 Do you agree with the City's decision to dedicate \$2,182,117 towards non-congregate shelters, \$2 million toward the development of affordable rental housing, and \$500,000 toward supportive services as detailed in 4.D of the Allocation Plan?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	38.46%	10
Agree	23.08%	6
Neither agree nor disagree	15.38%	4
Disagree	19.23%	5
Strongly disagree	3.85%	1
TOTAL		26

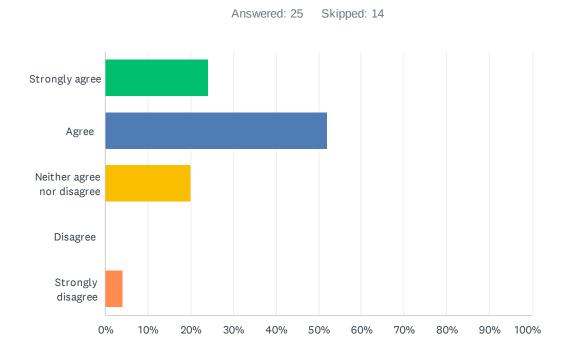
Q6 If you answered "Disagree" or "Strongly Disagree" for the previous question, which activities would you redirect the resources to?





ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More Money to Low-Barrier Shelter	42.86%	3
Less Money to Low-Barrier Shelter	0.00%	0
More Money to Supportive Services	71.43%	5
Less Money to Supportive Services	0.00%	0
More Money to Development of Affordable Rental Housing	14.29%	1
Less Money to Development of Affordable Rental Housing	0.00%	0
Tenant-Based Rental Assistance	28.57%	2
Total Respondents: 7		

Q7 Do you agree with the City's intentions to provide the above-mentioned scoring benefit when evaluating proposals for projects as stated in 6.A of the draft Allocation Plan?



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strongly agree	24.00%	6
Agree	52.00%	13
Neither agree nor disagree	20.00%	5
Disagree	0.00%	0
Strongly disagree	4.00%	1
TOTAL		25

Q8 If you answered "Disagree" or "Strongly Disagree" for the previous question, please share your reasons for doing so.

Answered: 3 Skipped: 36

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I wish wasac was one of the agencies consulted per QP 3	11/24/2022 9:33 AM
2	my disagreement with the plan is due to the costs of any one of these projects being more than is allocated to each. May be better to pick one project to develop. I am not sure a nonprofit would be willing to operate any one of these without adequate supportive service funding and especially with having no investment in the ownership of the facilities. That is with the assumption that operating costs would be a part of the nonprofit's responsibility.	11/22/2022 4:35 PM
3	Too much administration to manage. Self-governance of the homeless, while they are in the tiny home community, is most effective. A safe clean environment with them making the community rules.	11/4/2022 5:59 PM

Q9 Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback on the many options available to the City of Wichita. We appreciate hearing your thoughts. An in-person public information session regarding the proposed plan will be held Tuesday, November 16, at the Advanced Learning Library, 711 W. 2nd Street, Wichita KS, 67203, from 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM. This will be an opportunity to learn more about the plan and provide feedback!Please let us know any additional thoughts you'd like to share here.

Answered: 10 Skipped: 29

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	I think the plan is good. However the ongoing operations should be a local provider.	11/28/2022 9:30 AM
2	Thank you for this initiative. There is a clear need in housing and homeless support in our community, and I hope this helps to close this gap.	11/28/2022 8:50 AM
3	I work with the homeless population through my church and strongly agree with developing low-barrier shelters and comprehensive services. We are seeing more women and more people recently or about to be evicted. We are also seeing more QP1s who have recently arrived in Wichita from other cities and states, thus adding to the severity of the situation in our community.	11/26/2022 9:31 PM
4	Since mental health and homelessness have a strong correlation, I would like to see continued work in the area of mental health as well. This could have a strong positive effect on lowering homelessness.	11/23/2022 9:12 PM
5	Unfortunatley I only received this information/questionaire today so missed the public session. Nevertheless, I strongly support action directed to providing services to those in need.	11/23/2022 4:30 PM
6	Any and all efforts to support those impacted by homelessness or at risk of homelessness in Wichita is incredible and makes me feel more inclined to stay a resident of Wichita. The more I see this community supported, the more I want to stay a part of Wichita!	11/23/2022 3:02 PM
7	Healthcore Clinic was not listed as an organization that was contacted for feedback. They need to be included as a sick population is a sick city and people experiencing homelessness have medical needs that should not be met through emergency room visitation. Further, the City has been scrutizinized by its "special relationship" with Lange Realty Development Corp. This development needs to be a competitive process, not another sweetheart deal for one developer in the city. Be transparent, or be voted OUT!	11/23/2022 12:50 PM
8	Anything to aid the homeless problem needs to be addressed ASAP	11/23/2022 8:24 AM
9	I have experienced homelessness years ago, but I had support from a church because I lost my job due to medical needs. Not everyone is drug/alcohol addict! I believe once depression & lack of resources happens, it becomes a slippery slope to climb back to living a stable life. People need a plan & structure to restore their lives.	11/13/2022 5:43 PM
10	Wichita has many building existing already that could be used to complete affordable housing upgrades.	11/1/2022 5:00 PM